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STORAGE VOLUME AND THE FUEL CARRIAGE  
CAPACITY OF EXTERNAL FUEL STORES CARRIED BY  
AN AERIAL VEHICLE  
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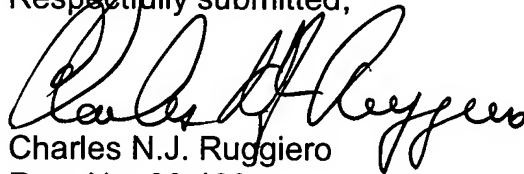
Cited in the attached PTO-1449 are U.S. Patent Nos. 2,591,913; 3,009,671; 5,660,358; 5,927,651 and 6,231,009. Pursuant to the waiving of the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of these U.S. references are not enclosed.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

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Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

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## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	2,591,913	4/08/1952	Bowers, et al.			
	3,009,671	11/21/1961	Johnson			
	5,660,358	8/26/1997	Grafwallner	244	135R	
	5,927,651	7/27/1999	Geders, et al.	244	135B	
	6,231,009	5/15/2001	Kong	244	135R	

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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